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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION PROCEDURE

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1. US MTN DEL APPRECIATES COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE OF REFTEL.
WE ARE IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE APPROACH WHICH IT SETS OUT.

2. WE BELIEVE PROSPECTS FOR IMPLEMENTING
INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL WOULD BE IMPROVED IF WE
CONDUCTED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EC ON CONCRETE ITEMS OF INTEREST
RATHER THAN IN THE ABSTRACT. DISCUSSION OF NOTIFICATIONS
ON SPECIFIC ITEMS OF TRADE INTEREST MAY MODERATE ANTICIPATED
EC APPREHENSIONS ABOUT AGREEING TO REPORTING PROCEDURES AND
THEREBY MAKE SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT A BIT EASIER TO ACHIEVE.
CONSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A LIST OF
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FOUR TO SIX ITEMS (PREFERABLY SOME OF THE "EASIER" ONES)

ON WHICH WE PROPOSE TO MAKE NOTIFICATIONS AND WHICH CAN
SERVE AS THE FOCUS FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS.

3. IN SELECTING ITEMS FOR NOTIFICATION, WE ALSO CALL
ATTENTION TO THE LACK OF SYMMETRY BETWEEN THE COVERAGE
OF TRADE BARRIERS EMBRACED BY THE "OTHER PRODUCTS" AGRIC-
ULTURAL COMPROMISE ON THE ONE HAND AND THE COVERAGE OF
BARRIERS EMBRACED BY THE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS ON THE OTHER
HAND. WHILE THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS COMPROMISE EMBRACES
SUCH BARRIERS AS VARIABLE LEVIES, STATE TRADING AND MINIMUM
IMPORT PRICES, THERE ARE NOT YET CORESPONDING PROCEDURES
COVERING THESE RESTRAINTS IN THE EXISTING NTM
SUBGROUPS. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE LINKAGE BETWEEN AGRICULTURE
AND THE REST OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WE SHOULD DEFER,
AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, NOTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURE BARRIERS
FOR WHICH THERE IS NO COUNTERPART FUNCTIONAL GROUP. IN
THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE THAT THE NEXT NTM GROUP MEETING,
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN APRIL 26, WILL TAKE UP PROPOSALS TO
HANDLE "MEASURES FOR WHICH NO MULTILATERAL APPROACH EXISTS",
A BASKET CATEGORY WHICH THE EC PROPOSED AT THE LAST
MEETING AND WHICH ONLY THE AUSTRALIANS OPPOSED. IF THIS
BASKET PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED AT THE NEXT NTM GROUP MEETING,
THE PROBLEM OF "PARALLELISM" BETWEEN GROUP AGRICULTURE
AND THE OTHER FUNCTIONAL GROUPS WILL DISAPPEAR AND WE CAN
PROCEED WITH OTHER NOTIFICATIONS; BUT UNTIL THEN, WE SHOULD
HOLD OFF ON THESE ITEMS.

4. FINALLY, WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL LETTERS REQUESTING
QR CONSULTATIONS (PARA 3, REFTL), WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPLOY
THE TECHNIQUE OF REFERRING TO THE PROCEDURES OF BOTH THE QR
SUBGROUP AND THE GROUP AGRICULTURE COMPROMISE SO AS TO PERMIT
US (IF WE WANT) TO MEET UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FORMER
WHILE OUR PARTNERS MAY WISH TO MEET UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE LATTER. WALKER

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